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INTRODUCTION

Kentucky coal production for 2001 was 138,215,323 tons which was 6,369,335 tons more than the previous year. In 2001, Kentucky mined 53,107,358 tons of coal by surface operations while 85,107,965 tons were mined underground.

The coal industry furnished direct employment for 19,647 miners. Five were killed in Kentucky coal mine accidents in 2001, which was down from twelve fatalities in the previous year.

The following chart compares production of the various types of coal mines for the past two years:

COAL PRODUCTION IN TONS

TYPE MINE	2001	2000
Rail-Underground	22,191,255	18,902,470
Rail-Auger Surface		1,741,791
Rail-Auger		0
Rail-Surface		3,107,261
RAIL TOTALS	26,149,275	23,751,522
Truck-Underground	58,082,743	55,750846
Truck-Auger Surface		33,353,275
Truck-Auger		1,578,878
Truck-Surface		9,420,679
TRUCK TOTALS	106,135,773	100,103,678
Water-Underground	4.833.967	6,846,453
Water-Auger Surface		1,144,335
Water-Auger		0
Water-Surface		0
WATER TOTALS	5,930,275	7,990,788
ALL MINES	138,215,323	131,845,988